

RESOLUTION NO. 15-_____

WHEREAS, organized in June, 2006, by Dianne Burch and Donna Castellano, the Sidewalk Arts Stroll has become one of downtown Huntsville's most stimulating events; and

WHEREAS, favored by many on the third Thursday evenings during the summer, this free event gave musicians and artists the opportunity to showcase their talents and display their wares; and

WHEREAS, featured artists included first timers and those with established reputations. The festival on the square highlighted home grown and homemade products and artists' works that ranged from antiques to one of a kind pieces; and

WHEREAS, as an added bonus, drawings for door prizes were sponsored for event tickets, artwork and art lessons; and

WHEREAS, the Stroll eventually expanded to the south side of the Courthouse Square in order to be more accessible to Greene Street Market and restaurants and shops on the square; and

WHEREAS, presented by the Historic Huntsville Foundation and Harrison Brothers Hardware, a new Hula-hoops and Hopscotch area was added that offered a low-tech, high-energy playground for kids of all ages; and

WHEREAS, other additions included nostalgic games and activities like jump ropes, a bean bag toss, and a good old fashioned cakewalk for children to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Sidewalk Arts Stroll was a great family event that allowed parents the opportunity to share childhood memories with their children; and

WHEREAS, Huntsville, Alabama, has benefitted greatly from the artistic and cultural contributions of the Sidewalk Arts Stroll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby commend Dianne Burch and Donna Castellano for their contributions in organizing the Sidewalk Arts Stroll and enhancing the quality of life for many residents across the Tennessee Valley.

ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2015.

President of the City Council
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this 26th day of March, 2015.

Mayor
City of Huntsville, Alabama